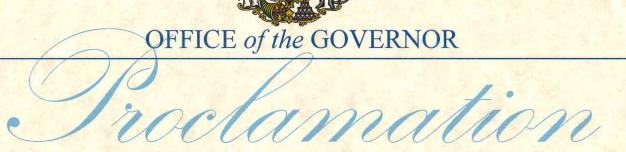
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WHEREAS; the origin of the Blinded Veterans Association dates back to World War II when a group of young men recovering from their loss of sight during the war formed an organization to help blinded veterans; and

WHEREAS; the Blinded Veterans Association was congressionally chartered on August 27, 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the 85<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

WHEREAS; the Blinded Veterans Association is the one, congressionally chartered, veterans service organization solely dedicated to serving blind veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS; the Blinded Veterans Association, with 8,500 members including 153 in Wisconsin, has been a strong voice and advocate for blinded veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS; the Blinded Veterans Association is holding its 71<sup>st</sup> National Convention in Milwaukee from August 22 – 26, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 24, 2016 as

## BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION DAY

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



By the Governor:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016.

SCOTT WALKER GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE Secretary of State